IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

        G. Bendak et al.   Group No.:   Unknown

Serial No.:   09/747,380   Examiner: Unknown

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For: System and Method for Programming the Bit Error Rate of Frame Synchronization Words in a Multidimensional Digital Frame Structure

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

       In advance of the first examination in this case, Applicants request amendment of the subject application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

       On page 1, line 10, please delete the first instance of "_____" and replace it with --09/746,490--.

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       On page 1, line 14, please delete the first instance of "_____" and replace it with --09/745,655--.

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       On page 1, line 18, please delete the first instance of "_____" and replace it with --09/746,152--.

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       On page 1, line 22, please delete the first instance of "_____" and replace it with --09/745,793--.